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Office of Special Nutritionals
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
Food and Drug Administration
200 "C" St. S.W. (HFS-450)
Washington, D.C. 20204

Dear Dr. Kahl:

Murdock Madaus Schwabe Professional Products, Inc. wishes to notify the Food and Drug Administration that it has, within the past 30 days, commenced marketing a dietary supplement which bears a statement under Section 403(r)(6) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

The dietary supplement for which the statement is made is OPC Pro. The dietary ingredient that is the subject of the statement is oligomeric proanthocyanidins. The statement reads as follows:

"Helps protect cells & tissues from premature aging & the harmful effects of free radicals. OPC Pro contains oligomeric proanthocyanidins (OPC's) one of the most potent antioxidants known, scientifically tested to be more effective in free radical scavenging than vitamin C and vitamin E. OPC's are a distinct class of highly bioavailable flavanol compounds that protect and strengthen collagen which makes up skin, connective tissue and vascular walls."

This statement is accompanied by the required disclaimer which is prominently displayed in bold-faced type.

The information contained in this notice is complete and accurate and the above statement is based on data which renders these statements substantiated, truthful and non-misleading.

Sincerely,

**MMS PRO** 

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